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SUBJ: CEMA PLANNING COMMITTEE DISCUSSES ORENBURG NATURAL

GAS PIPELINE, KURSK STEEL COMPLEX

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1. PRAVDA APRIL 6 REPORTS CONCLUSION OF TWO-DAY MEETING IN
MOSCOW OF CEMA COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVE PLANNING.

MAIN ITEMS DISCUSSED WERE DEVELOPMENT OF ORENBURG
NATURAL GAS DEPOSITS, CONSTRUCTION OF PIPELINE FROM
ORENBURG (IN SOUTHERN URALS) TO WESTERN FRONTIERS OF USSR,
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AND "DRAFT AGREEMENTS ON COOPERATION IN DEVELOPMENT IN USSR

OF IRON ORE CONTAINING CERTAIN NON-FERROUS METALS"
AND EXPORT OF THIS ORE FROM USSR. COMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED
REPORT ON PROGRESS IN MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL PLANNING
AS PART OF OVERALL ECONOMIC PLAN COORDINATION FOR PERIOD
1976-80.

2. MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY DEPUTY HEADS OF ALL CEMA MEMBER GOVERNMENTS AND BY SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FROM YUGOSLAVIA, AND ALSO BY ALL CEMA GOVERNMENT PLANNING DIRECTORS, INCLUDING VICE PREMIER BAYBAKOV OF USSR.

3. COMMENT: ON APRIL 5 EMBASSY OFFICER TOLD BY MEMBER OF INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMY OF SOCIALIST WORLD (CONCERNED PRIMARILY WITH CEMA) THAT MEETING HAD CONSIDERED MULTI-LATERAL CEMA COUNTRY INVESTMENT IN KURSK IRON-STEEL COMPLEX IN THE UKRAINE. THIS INVESTMENT WOULD BE IN ADDITION TO FRG CONTRACTS FOR KURSK WHICH ARE EXPECTED TO TOTAL OVER DM THREE BILLION AND WHICH WERE CONFIRMED IN ANNOUNCEMENT MADE IN BONN AND MOSCOW LAST MONTH. INSTITUTE MEMBER SAID THAT IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT EE/CEMA INVESTMENT WOULD COVER SECTORS OF THE COMPLEX NOT CONSTRUCTED BY FRG FIRMS, ANDHENCE THERE WOULD NOT BE JOINT CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY BY FRG ENTERPRISES AND EAST EUROPEAN ENTERPRISES ON ANY PARTICULAR SECTOR. HE ADDED THAT THE COMMITTEE ALSO CONSIDERED SEVERAL NEW PROJECTS FOR MULTILATERAL CEMA INVESTMENT BUT HE DID NOT IDENTIFY THEM.
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